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In re Patent Application of:
Shinichi Kojima et al.

Application No.: 10/673,496

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Art Unit: 3737

For: TOMOGRAM CREATING DEVICE
TOMOGRAM CREATING METHOD,
AND RADIATION EXAMINING
APPARATUS

Examiner: R. S. Smith

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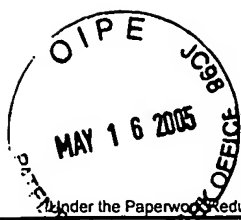
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
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